

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A dual action canopy release for releasably holding a parachute harness
securement strap in a buckle. The canopy release may be activated by a forward
movement of a lever arm or a rearward movement of the lever arm. The lever arm
cooperates with an actuating lever having a first position, wherein the actuating lever
holds a latch in a locked position, and a second position, wherein the actuating lever
releases the latch thereby allowing the latch to move to an unlocked position. Either the
forward movement or the rearward movement of the lever arm causes the actuating
lever to move to the second position. In the unlocked position, the latch allows
parachute harness securement strap to be withdrawn from the buckle.